

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter week 3

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 25/26th January was **€2,674.00**

Tax Back Scheme

All who donate €250 or above and pay tax can avail of a tax back refund for the parish by signing the CHY3 form available from the Parish office you may signed up previously and it may need to be updated

C.R.K. Active Retired Assoc. ART CLASSES
 In Carrig Hall starting Thursday 23rd January for 5 weeks, from 10 to 12 . Contact Margaret 0871343108.

WINTER SONG

An afternoon choral concert of classic and modern song presented by BALLYMORE CONNECT CHOIR - special guests VIRTUOSO ENSEMBLE. SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY 4.00pm
 St. Brendan's Church of Ireland, Oxmantown Mall
 Booking: www.midlandsbooking.ie 057 9122911
 Proceeds to Birr/Offaly Hospice & Church of Ireland Restoration Fund

History of St. Brendan's "A place in all our Hearts" by Brian Kennedy on sale in the Parish office, Horan's Daybreak, Supervalu & Birr Castle for €15.00.

Divine Mercy Conference, R.D.S, Dublin. Day Return Bus (from McDonald's, Roscrea) Sat. 22nd Feb. Fantastic speakers including His Excellency Archbishop Farrell, Fr Pat Collins, Fr Jim Blount and many more. It will be a great day of spiritual inspiration and reflection.€70 for bus and entry ticket: Karen: 087 4160385 or Seamus : 087 2752578 €40 deposit via Revolut ,PayPal or post secures bus.

AGM Birr Neighbour Hood watch - Thursday January 30th @ 8pm in Doolys Hotel. All are welcome to attend

Birr Youth Theatre ages 12-18, is looking for fresh faces to join their vibrant group! Bring your open mind, creativity, and sense of adventure. New term starts Jan 28, 4.30pm at Birr theatre. To register www.birrtheatre.com/youth-theatre

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Carmel Moore, Meadowcourt Evelyn Bell, Townsend Street & her parents Margaret & Michael Parady, Townsend Street Jack Ryan, The Terrace, Crinkill Alice & Philip Brady, Riverstown & Seffin George Boyd, Woodlands
Sun 26th	8.30am	Kathleen Whelan, Boveen
Sun 26th	9.30am	Thomas, Mary T & Maretta White, Carrig Michael Maher, Clonfinane
Sun 26th	10.30am	Hogan Family, Newbridge Street Michael Mulrooney, John's Place Michael & Patricia Fallon
Sun 26th	12noon	Sheila Carter, Bulfin Park Thomas (Tucker) Parady, Chapel Lane, Edward & Lucy Hogan, daughters Sheila Hogan, Ciss Cashen, Ciss Hogan & Guilfoyle Family Leon Maloney Coughlan, Annagh Elizabeth & Michael Lally, Presentation Place and deceased members of the Lally Family Maureen & Patrick Maher, Crinkill Mary Lee, Roscrea Road
Mon 27th	10am	Helen Coughlan, Crinkill
Tues 28th	10am	Eamon Connolly, Burkes Hill & deceased members of the Connolly Family
Wed 29th	10am	John & Sheila O' Meara, Rathcabbin
Thurs 30th	10am	Private Intentions
Fri 31st	10am	May Sherlock, Rathcabbin Kitty Hayden (nee) McCarthy, Woodroe, Birr
Sat 1st	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 1st	7.30pm	Eileen Cahill, Bulfin Park Kieran & Phil O' Brien, Carrig
Sun 2nd	8.30am	Joseph O' Brien, Brosna
Sun 2nd	9.30am	Patrick & Eleanor O' Neill, Kinnitty Carrig
Sun 2nd	10.30am	Doreen Smith & her parents Christy & Teresa Parkinson Daniel & Bridget Hogan, Mount Palmer
Sun 2nd	12noon	Kevin Purcell, Croghan House, Birr (MM) Mary Jordan, Burkes Hill & deceased members of the Cole, Mahony & Jordan families

Please pray for the souls of

Noel Coughlan, High Street, Birr
Deirdre (Dee) O' Meara, London & Formerly Syngesfield & Seffin, Birr
Pat Molloy, England & formerly Rathcabbin, brother of Bridget Deane, Annagh, Birr
Jane (Elizabeth) Reynolds Nee Shiel, New York and late of Burkes Hill Birr Sister of the late Dora Powell.



Sacramental Masses

We welcome the children from Crinkill N.S. who will be participating in 7.30pm Mass.
 Mercy P.S. who will be participating in the 10.30am Mass



Candlemas Day

February 2nd Sunday next is the Feast of the Presentation Candlemas Day. Traditionally on this day candles are blessed for use at home and in church . People have very generously donated candles for Church use. Benediction candles are the most suitable (Blessed candle). This also is a day of prayer for religious women and men.

Prayer for Religious

'Being for others' is the core vision of their lives.

'Being for others' follows a life of radical simplicity lived in a vowed promise of freedom.

'Being for others' follows a single-hearted love that is inclusive of all, especially the poor.

'Being for others' follows a shared community life of service, availability and hospitality.

'Being for others' follows a communal discernment and prayer of quiet stillness and silence.

'Being for others' follows new ways to be credible and convincing witnesses of the Gospel.

'Being for others' follows like Mary, the suffering sword which is heart-rending and painful.

'Being for others' follows and believes in the faithful promise of a God who visits his people.

May we 'be for others' as a kind and gentle light in dark times of doubt and fear.

John Cullen

St Blaise Feast day February 3rd

Saint Blaise lived in the 4th century at a very difficult time for Christians under the emperor Diocletian. Christians were persecuted resulting in thousands of executions. Blaise was a Bishop in present day Armenia and eventually was executed by the authorities. The tradition of having our throats blessed on his Feast day has continued because of his kindness to a child who was choking with a fish bone.

"Through the intercession of St Blaise Bishop and martyr may you be free of sickness of the throat and takeaway the evil through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Domhnach Bhriathar Dé.

D'fhógair an Pápa Proinsias go mbeadh Domhnach Bhriathar Dé á cheiliúradh go bliantúil ar an tríd Domhnach Saor i mí Eanáir. Tá iliomad guthanna agus glórtha mórthimpeall orainn agus tá géarghá le Briathar Dé a chloisteáil thar aon ghlór eile a dúirt an Pápa. Chun cabhrú linn mhol sé dúinn an Bíobla, nó an Leabhar Aifrin a bheith ar fáil taobh linn.

A Thiarna, iarraidid ort cabhrú linn ár gcreideamh agus naofacht a chleachtadh agus sinn ag machnamh ar Bhriathar Dé.

An Satharn seo chugainn Lá Fhéile Bríde, Muire na nGael, Patrún Naofa na hÉireann agus de réir an traidisiúin is é tús an earraigh é. Bhí creideamh láidir ag Bríd. Chuir sí a hiontaobh go hiomlán i nDia agus tháinig Sé i gcabhair uirthi.

A Bhríd a Mhuire na nGael, A Bhríd scaoil tharam do bhrat, Agus coinnigh faoi do chumhdach mé, Go raibh mé leat i bhflaitheas Dé. (Paidreacha na Gaeilge)

Sunday of the Word of God.

Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as Sunday of the Word of God. We are surrounded by voices and sounds from a variety of places and devices and we need to hear the Word of God more than any other voice. To help us, he advised us to keep a copy of the Bible or our Sunday Missal close at hand.

Lord, we ask you to help us grow in faith as we meditate on your Word, so that we may grow in holiness through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Saturday we celebrate the Feast of Saint Brigid, Mary of the Gael. Patron Saint of Ireland and according to tradition the beginning of Spring. Brigid had a strong faith. She put her trust in God and God helped her.

Brid, Mary of the Gael, Brid envelop me in your cloak, Keep me under your protection, Until I am with you in God's Heaven. Amen

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